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PRESS RELEASE AND JOINT STATEMENT

1. Mr. Alexandru Birladeanu, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Socialist Republic of Romania and Chairman of the Romanian National Council of Scientific Research, and a team of six distinguished scientists came to the United States on June 18, 1968 at the invitation of Dr. Donald F. Hornig, President Johnson's Special Assistant for Science and Technology. During the course of a three-week stay in the United States, the group visited, among other places, Washington, D. C., New York City, Cape Kennedy, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The delegation met with leaders of American science, technology, university, industry, and government and engaged in friendly and wide-ranging discussions on topics such as United States and Romanian science organizations, chemistry, computers, machine tools, aircraft and space, and peaceful uses of atomic energy.



2. At the conclusion of Mr. Birladeanu's visit on July 8th, the following joint statement was issued by Mr. Birladeanu and Dr. Hornig:

3. "We have reviewed the progress made in the program of exchanges in science and technology within the framework of the Arrangement for Educational, Scientific, Cultural and Other Exchanges between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Romania which has been in operation since 1960. We share the desire to continue to expand mutually beneficial projects of scientific cooperation between our countries with the aim of further strengthening areas of common interest, as a contribution to strengthening the bonds of understanding and friendship between our peoples. In recognition thereof, and building on established foundations, it is the intention of both Governments to:

- a) seek increased opportunities for scientists engineers and others to engage in joint projects of research, exchange of scientific and technical information, and for mutual grants of fellowships and research assistantships;



- b) facilitate long and short-term visits of scholars and specialists for the purpose of research, special studies, lectures, and the exchange of experience in the field of science education and training;
- c) promote direct contact between scientific and technical institutions and workers; and
- d) facilitate attendance at scientific and technical conferences.

4. "It is the wish of both Governments that trade and commerce between our nations be increased.

5. "Both Governments favor the development of relations between American and Romanian commercial enterprises subject to the laws and rules in force in each country. For instance, they favor the development of:

- a) opportunities for cooperation between industrial research and production organizations; and
- b) exchanges of industrial knowledge and technology including arrangements in the field of patent licenses and knowhow with



adequate protection for industrial property rights.

6. "As a result of discussions with the United States Department of Transportation, Mr. Birladeanu invited Mr. Donald Aggar, Assistant Secretary for Transportation, to visit Romania as a guest of the Ministry of Auto, Naval and Air Transport during the period of July 3-6. A delegation of Romanian transportation experts will come to the United States later this year. It is hoped that these visits will define areas for mutually beneficial cooperation.

7. "The United States Department of Interior will welcome a visit by Romanian coal research experts to the United States later this year to consider cooperation in the areas of desulfurization of coal, "preparation" of coal, and conversion of coal to liquid and gaseous fuel. There was an exchange of views between Under Secretary Donald S. Black of the Department of Interior and the Romanian representatives which will facilitate cooperation in the preservation of wildlife. It is anticipated that other areas of mutual interest may be identified. The subjects proposed by Mr. Birladeanu such as those in the fields of wood industries, land



management, geology, hydrotechnics, gas and oil extraction, are now under active consideration by the Department of Interior.

8. "The desirability for cooperation on physical standards and the development of cooperative efforts between the United States and Romania such as in the international standard reference materials program was affirmed during the visit.

9. "The Romanian delegation met with Chairman Glenn Seaborg of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission to discuss possibilities of cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Both Mr. Birladeanu and Dr. Seaborg favored, in principle, an arrangement covering various facets of cooperation and the Atomic Energy Commission agreed to consider Romanian proposals concerning future collaboration. An invitation to the Chairman of the Romanian Committee for Nuclear Energy was renewed for a visit later this year at which time a program of mutual interest in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy will be explored.

10. "To insure orderly and timely progress we have concluded that it is desirable for high level scientific and technical administrators of the two countries to meet informally from time to time.



11. "To strengthen this program, each Government will designate a "Science Officer" to its respective Embassy in Bucharest and Washington to promote mutual contact in science and technology.

12. "We express the hope that as a result of these efforts we may look forward to expanding cooperation in science and technology, industry, and commerce."

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